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In re Application of Ross W. Bauer

Application No. 10/790,376

Filed: March 1, 2004

Attorney Docket No. RB-0001US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 30, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees, mailed November 29, 2006. This notice set a period for reply of one month for applicant to submit \$400. No fee having been received, the application became abandoned on December 30, 2006. The Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment on June 20, 2007.

With the instant petition, applicant paid the petition fee, made the proper statement of unintentional delay, and submitted the \$400 excess claims fees.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3643 for consideration of the Amendment filed November 7, 2006.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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In re application of:

BAUER, ROSS W.

Serial No.: 10/790,376

Filed: 03/01/2004

Title: Protective cover for a motorized

vehicle engine hood

Group Art Unit: 3644

Examiner: SHAW, Elizabeth A.

Docket: RB-001-US

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PETITION TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents M/S Petition Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

An Applicant's Response was mailed on November 3, 2006 to an Office Action mailed from the USPTO on May 3, 2006. The Office Action lacked fees for additional claims. This failure to include a payment of additional fees with the Applicant's Response of November 3, 2006 caused the above referenced patent application to become unintentionally abandoned.

Applicant hereby petitions for the revival of the above referenced patent application which was unintentionally abandoned. Applicant submits the following papers with this petition.

- Applicant's Response newly executed and as submitted on November 3, 97/31/2697 #6EBREH1 62926948 10799376
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- Notice of Abandonment, one page;
- Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned
 Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), PTO/SB/64, two pages;

- Check no. <u>2014</u>, for \$750.00, petition fee;
- Copy of Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees, Confirmation No. 4254, two pages;
- 5 Check no. 2015, for \$400.00, additional claims fee; and
 - Self-addressed stamped postcard.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending

Claims 13, 14 and 18-20 are allowed.

10 Claims 4-6 and 10 are objected to.

Claim 12 is cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 11 and 15-17 are rejected.

Claims 1, 3-6, 10, 11 and 115 are currently amended.

15 Please note the Claims as presently amended and listed on pages 3-6 herein.

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

- 1. (currently amended) A protective cover for a heat emitting structure, comprising a fabric and an attachment means, the fabric comprising a material attractive to at least some animals, and the fabric configured for transferring heat from the heat emitting structure to attract at least some animals, and the attachment means configured to removably couple the fabric to an exterior surface of a vehicle.
- 2. (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fabric presents a sensual quality pleasant to at least a plurality of cats.
 - 3. (currently amended) The cover of claim 4 [[1]], the fabric presents a sensual quality pleasant to at least a plurality of dogs.
- 4. (currently amended) [[The cover of claim 1, wherein]] A protective cover for a

 15 heat emitting structure, comprising a fabric and an attachment means, the fabric

 transferring heat from the heat emitting structure to attract at least some animals, the

 fabric comprising [[comprises]] a material emitting an odor pleasant to at least some

 animals; and

the attachment means configured to removably couple the fabric to an exterior surface of a vehicle.

- 5. (currently amended) The cover of claim 4, wherein the fabric [[provides]] comprises a material emitting an odor pleasant to at least a plurality of cats.
- 6. (currently amended) [[The cover of claim 1, wherein]] A protective cover for a heat emitting structure, comprising a fabric and an attachment means, the fabric

transferring heat from the heat emitting structure to attract at least some animals, the fabric comprising fleece; and

the attachment means configured to removably couple the fabric to an exterior surface of a vehicle.

- (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a planar quadrilateral 5 7. surface of about four feet by four feet.
 - (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fabric further comprises a pillow 8. section.
- 9. (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fabric further comprises a planar surface having a shape selected from the group of shapes consisting of a quadrilateral, a 10 rectangle, a diamond, a circle, and an ellipse.
- (currently amended) [[The cover of claim 1, wherein]] A protective cover for a 10. heat emitting structure, comprising a fabric and an attachment means, the fabric transferring heat from the heat emitting structure to attract at least some animals, and the 15 fabric having a planar surface having a shape selected from the group of shapes consisting of a cartoon character, a signage and a logo; and the attachment means configured to removably couple the fabric to an exterior surface of
 - a vehicle.
- (currently amended) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a surface 11. eenfigured to visually display is shaped as a signage. 20
 - 12. (cancelled) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fabric has an attachment means, the attachment means for removabley coupling the fabric to the heat emitting structure.

- 13. (previously presented) The cover of claim 14, wherein the fabric is configured for roll-up.
- 14. (previously presented) A protective cover for a heat emitting structure, comprising a fabric and an attachment means, the fabric transferring heat from the heat emitting structure to attract at least some animals, and the attachment means configured to removably couple the fabric to a vehicle, wherein the fabric further comprises an aperture configured for removabley attaching the cover for storage by hanging.
- 15. (currently amended) A protective cover for a heat emitting structure, the cover having a top sheet and a bottom sheet, the top sheet configured to <u>attract and</u> support an animal and the bottom sheet configured to be applied against an exterior surface of the heat emitting structure.
- 16. (original) The cover of claim 15, wherein the top sheet comprises a fabric comfortable to a plurality of cats.
- 17. (original) The cover of claim 15, wherein the top sheet comprises a fabric comfortable to a plurality of dogs.
 - 18. (previously presented) A cover for use as a cushion for a cat, the cover comprising:
 - a pad having a top and an opposing bottom, the top forming a cat engaging surface whereon the cat can lie in direct engagement with the top of the pad; and
- a plurality of magnets, the plurality of magnets coupled with the pad, and the plurality of magnets positioned to enable removable attachment of the cover to a metallic hood of a vehicle.

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- 19. (original) The cover of claim 18, wherein the pad is configured for placement proximate to a heat emitting equipment of a vehicle.
- 20. (original) The cover of claim 19, wherein the pad is configured for placement proximate to a protective hood of the heat emitting equipment, whereby the cat may receive heat emitted by the equipment when the cat is proximate to the cover.

Applicants Response to Examiner's Comments

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

Examiner rejects Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Flesher (5,158,324). Examiner states that Flesher shows a cover 100 composed of assorted materials considered to be fabric, capable of being used as a cushion by a cat or dog, comprising a pad having a top and opposing bottom, the top forming a surface for the cat to lie upon and an attachment means 104 coupled with the pad 100 for easily removing the cover 100 from the metallic hood of a vehicle. The cover having a planar surface and shaped as a quadrilateral of a size capable of covering large sections of the vehicle hood, (see figs. 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E). Examiner holds that any part of the cover can act as a pillow section, since no other structure is noted, a pillow section can be any area where the animal places it's head down, that area being a "pillow" section for the head of the animal. Examiner further holds that once the fabric of Flesher is removed from the cover, the fabric is configured for roll-up and that when placed on a heat emitted structure, unless specifically designed against it, all fabric can transmit heat or have heat be felt through it.

Regarding Claims 1-2, 7-9, Applicant replies that Claim 1 as currently amended recites the fabric as "comprising a material attractive to at least some animals, and the fabric configured for transferring heat from the heat emitting structure to attract at least some animals." Independent Claim 1 as currently amended therefore specifies that the fabric is selected attract animals, rather than to merely protect the exterior surface of a vehicle. This novel and nonobvious quality of the present invention increases a users benefit of the invented protective cover by encouraging attraction of at least some

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animals to the cover, whereby the user may be entertained and sympathetically comforted by observing the use of the protective cover by one or more attracted animals. This use of the Applicant's invented protective cover teaches away from the prior art, in that the prior art attempts to protect surfaces without being intentionally configured to attract animals.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 1 as currently amended is therefore allowable, and that the Claims 2, 7, 8 and 9 depending from Claim 1 are also therefore allowable.

Applicant notes that Claim 3 is currently amended as depending from currently amended Claim 4 and is therefore allowable.

Regarding Claims 15-17 Applicant replies that Claim 15 as currently amended recites the fabric as ".configured to attract and support an animal". Independent Claim 15 as currently amended therefore specifies that the fabric is selected attract animals, rather than to merely protect the exterior surface of a vehicle. As noted above in reference to Claim 1, this novel and nonobvious quality of the present invention increases a users benefit of the invented protective cover by encouraging attraction of at least some animals to the cover, whereby the user may be entertained and sympathetically comforted by observing the use of the protective cover by one or more attracted animals. This use of the Applicant's invented protective cover teaches away from the prior art, in that the prior art attempts merely to protect surfaces without being intentionally configured to attract animals.

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Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 15 as currently amended is therefore allowable, and that the Claims 16 and 17 depending from Claim 15 are also therefore allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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Examiner rejects Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flesher in view of Sandbeck (D465,687). Examiner notes that Flesher does not teach the use of a logo; and that Sandbeck shows in Fig. 7 a protective cover having a shape on the surface such as a logo. Examiner holds that, with respect to claim 11, to use the logo of Sandbeck with the cover of Flesher would have been obvious to one skilled in the art in order to alter the aesthetic appeal of the device or to advertise the manufacturer.

Applicant responds that Claim 11 as currently amended recites of the fabric being shaped as a signage, rather than having a surface configured to visually display a signage. In support of this amendment to Claim 11, Applicant recites from paragraph 44 of the Patent Application, wherein Applicant disclosed that "[t]he fabric 4 may be shaped . . . and present one of various shapes, to include . . . a corporate logo or signage, or shaped like a cartoon character...". The optional surface 24 of the Present Invention is further disclosed in paragraph 44 to display signage or a logo. In contrast, Sandbeck teaches solely of a logo imprinted onto a blanket, rather than shaping a blanket in an outline of a logo. The alternate embodiment of fabric 4 of the Present Invention as recited in Claim 11 as currently amended is shaped as a fabric having an exterior edge in the outline of a signage, and is patentably distinct from a "shape on the surface" of a blanket as taught by Sanbeck.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 11 as currently amended is therefore allowable. Applicant respectfully further notes that independent Claim 11 as dependent from currently amended Claim 1 and is therefore allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

5 Examiner allows Claims 13,14 and 18-20.

Examiner objects to Claims 4-6 and 10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and states that Claims 4-6 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully responds that Claims 4, 6 and 10 as newly amended are rewritten as an independent claim and incorporates all limitations of the former base Claim 1.

Applicant further responds that Claim 5 as newly amended is dependent on Claim 13 is therefore allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that that the Claims as currently submitted are allowable.

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, Applicant requests that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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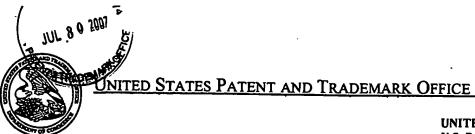
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June 11, 2007

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